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a book of the *Eneid* after a few hours' study. Did the poetry interest them they would be less successful. In India Mohammedan children will recite chapter after chapter of the *Koran* in a language (Arabic) with which they are entirely unacquainted.

Recollections of the second class are connected by points of contact, which arise out of purely accidental properties. but are sufficiently strong in the case of trivial minds, to disarrange the sequence in which the original impressions were received. The recollections are linked (in the language of psychology) by "contiguity." Memo-ries which function in this manner are admirably illustrated by the conversations of Mrs. Nickleby. Persons who are afflicted with them are unable to keep to the point, or leading interest, of an anecdote, but wander from one side issue to another in a manner which to listeners is intolerably boring.

Recollections of the third class are strung together by resemblances that arouse emotional interest. This process is termed "memory by association." My attention is suddenly aroused by an emotion of fear, which has been suggested by the subconscious recollection of a fall from my bicycle. Thence onward there pass before me the church I was on my way to visit. my opinion of its architecture, a tour in France in the course of which I saw a church of similar style. an inter-

estina conversation with the cure of
the parish. a
regret that I was not taught French
more efficiently at school, and a recollection of
recent correspondence in the newspapers
regarding the respective educational advantages of
classical and modern languages. Each recollection
is connected with its predecessor by a link of
emotional interest: and the more emotional
interests a man possesses the more varied, the more
suggestive,